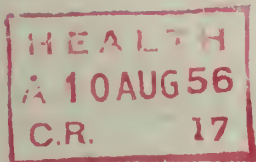


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BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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OF THE
Medical Officer of Health.

"The Lawns,"
The Bauk,
Biggleswade.



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1954

of the

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and

S A N I T A R Y I N S P E C T O R

P U B L I C H E A L T H S T A F F

Medical Officer of Health:
C.A. HARVEY, M.B., C.H.B., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector:
H.W. PRIDMORE, Cert. S.I.B., M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I.,
as Sanitary Inspector and Meat and Foods Inspector.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors:

- (a) P.E.Miller, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
- (b) J.E.Criddle, M.S.I.A. Resigned November, 1954.
- (c) K.D.Ballard, M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I. Appointed December, 1954.

Clerks:

- (d) Miss D. Anderson (Shorthand-Typist)
- (e) Miss E. Bristow (Clerk)
- (f) I. Roddie (Pupil-Sanitary Inspector) Appointed
September, 1954.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1954

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances in your district for 1954.

A review of the vital statistics for the year shows that the death rate of 12.2 is somewhat higher than that for England and Wales while the infant mortality rate is exactly similar. The chief causes of death continue to be diseases of the heart and circulatory system and cancer.

The birth rate of 15.9 is slightly higher than that for the country as a whole.

The main infectious diseases prevalent during the year were Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough, the numbers being 46 and 69 respectively. Three cases of Acute Poliomyelitis were notified.

I wish to express my thanks to the officials of the Council and their staffs for their valued help and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C. A. HARVEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	49,152
Registrar-General's estimate of Population ..	26,170
Number of inhabited houses end of 1954	7,028
Rateable Value	£114,328.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£442.6.6.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	202	173	375
Illegitimate	7	10	17
	<u>209</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>392</u>

Adjusted Birth rate per 1,000 Home Population .. 15.9
Birth Rate for England and Wales 15.2

<u>STILL BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	6	5	11
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Births 29.7
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales 24.0

<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	151	170	321
Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population			12.2
Death Rate for England and Wales			11.3
Death from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child birth:			
From Sepsis	0		
From other causes	<u>0</u>		
	<u>0</u>		

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DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	6	9
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

Rate for all infants per 1,000 live births ..	25.5
Rate for England and Wales	25.5

DEATHS FROM:-

Measles (all ages)	-
Whooping Cough	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1
Influenza	-
Cancer (all ages)	42

STATISTICAL TABLE 1945 - 1954

Year	DEATH RATE		BIRTH RATE		INFANT MORTALITY RATE	
	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales	Biggleswade R.D.	England & Wales
1945	11.6	11.4	16.8	16.1	40.0	46
1946	12.8	11.5	17.0	19.1	40.0	43
1947	12.4	12.0	21.0	20.5	22.9	41
1948	10.8	10.8	16.86	17.9	29.18	34
1949	9.7	11.7	16.4	16.7	10.9	32
1950	10.2	11.7	15.0	15.8	20.5	29
1951	8.7	12.5	11.7	15.5	28.6	29.6
1952	9.1	11.3	13.4	15.3	25.0	27.6
1953	10.6	11.4	14.4	15.5	31.7	26.8
1954	12.2	11.3	15.9	15.2	25.5	25.5

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CAUSES OF DEATH

The following table shows causes of death as given in the Registrar-General's statistics:

Causes of Death	Males	Females
All Causes	151	170
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	3
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	6	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	10	12
15. Leukaemia, aleumnemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	23
18. Coronary disease, angina	19	15
19. Hypertension with heart disease	5	6
20. Other heart disease	49	58
21. Other circulatory disease	10	6
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	8	10
24. Bronchitis	5	-
25. Other disease of respiratory system	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
31. Congenital malformations	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	16	13
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	1
34. All other accidents	-	4
35. Suicide	1	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES:

1. Laboratory Facilities.

The services of the Public Health Laboratory Department of Pathology, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, is available for the examination of any material submitted by the Health Department or by General Practitioners. This service is under the direction of the Medical Research Council through the Ministry of Health, and there is no charge to the Council. The Laboratory undertakes the examination of throat swabs, sputum, urine and faeces, and blood from cases of suspected infectious diseases, and advice and assistance is always available.

A similar service is now available at the Public Health Laboratory which has been established at the Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), Bedford.

2. Ambulance Facilities.

The Bedfordshire County Council provides a complete service covering the whole of the County. The service is a twenty-four hour one and is free of charge, and is available for the removal of all cases requiring admission to hospital and also for the transport of patients who are unable to use other means of transport to and from Hospitals or Clinics, so that they can receive any necessary treatment. The request for the provision of an ambulance must be made by a General Practitioner or by an Authorised Person.

The service is also available for transport of persons suffering from infectious disease to isolation hospital.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County:-

Biggleswade ... Crab Lane ...	Tel. Biggleswade 2295.
Bedford ... Bedford Road, Kempston	" Bedford 5335 & 5336.

3. Midwifery and Domociliary Nursing Services.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council became the responsible authority for these services, the day to day administration being under the Eastern Divisional Health Committee.

The following is a list of the nurses and their districts;

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Midwifery and Domociliary Nursing Services (Cont.)

<u>District</u>	<u>Name and Address of Nurse</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Sandy Tempsford Blunham Mogerhanger.	Miss H.W.Pearse, 68 St. Neots Road, Sandy.	Sandy 105
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (Midwifery only)	Miss M.P. Stafford, 17 Saffron Road, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3266
Everton Potton Sutton Wrestlingworth Cockayne Hatley Eyeworth	Miss F.C. Bishop, Post Office, Sutton.	Potton 209
Biggleswade Edworth Dunton (General Nursing only)	Miss E. Dillistone, 2 High Street, Biggleswade.	Biggleswade 3177
Southill Old Warden Clifton	Mrs. P.R. Corns, 20 Stanford Road, Southill,	Shefford 380
Henlow Langford	Miss A.H. Peddie, 31 High Street, Henlow.	Clifton 261
Arlesey	Miss F.M. Foster, 1 Lynton Avenue, Arlesey.	Arlesey 62
Stotfold Astwick	Miss G. Nicholson, The Retreat, Church Road, Stotfold.	Stotfold 208
Shefford Chicksands Campton Meppershall Upper Stondon	Miss D.M. Collie, 47 Southfields. Shefford.	Shefford 356

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4. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

(a) Child Welfare Centres -

Arlesey	Methodist Schoolroom.	Monday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Biggleswade	"The Lawns Health Centre.	Tuesday p.m.	Weekly.
Blunham	Village Hall	Thursday p.m.	Every four weeks.
Henlow	R.A.F. Camp.	Thursday p.m.	Weekly.
Potton	Parish Hall	Wednesday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Sandy	Church Room	Thursday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Shefford	Methodist Schoolroom	Wednesday p.m.	Weekly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club	Monday p.m.	Fortnightly.
Tempsford	Stuart Memorial Hall	Thursday p.m.	Every four weeks.
Langford	Ivy Leaf Club	Thursday a.m.	Fortnightly.
Wrestlingworth	Memorial Hall	Tuesday p.m.	Fortnightly.

(b) Ante-Natal Clinics -

Biggleswade	"The Lawns" Health Centre	Tuesday a.m.	Fortnightly.
Shefford	Methodist Schoolroom	Wednesday a.m.	Fortnightly.
Stotfold	Unionist Club	Monday a.m.	Fortnightly.

(c) Tuberculosis.

The Chest Clinic,
Bedford General Hospital, (North Wing),
Kimbolton Road,
Bedford.

The days and times of attendance are:-

Monday	2 p.m. - 7 p.m.	- Refills (A.P. and P.P.)
Tuesday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Women and children - new and old patients.
Wednesday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Contacts. - Old patients - male and female.
Thursday	9 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Males - old and new patients
Friday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	- Refills (A.P. and P.P.) - Special cases.

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Clinics and Treatment Centres (Contd.)

(d) Venereal Diseases Clinic -

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing. The days and time of attendance are:-

Men and	Wednesday	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Women	Friday	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Medical Officer in attendance:-

Wednesday	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Friday	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWater Supply

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples have been taken periodically during the year and the results have shown that the supply is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity.

The following report by the Counties Public Health Laboratories of a sample sent for examination on 16th June, 1954, is typical.

Chemical Examination in parts per Million

Appearance	Clear and bright.
Colour	Nil
Odour	Nil
Reaction pH.	7.1
Free Carbon Dioxide	28
Electric Conductivity at 20 degs. C. ..	540
Total Solids dried at 180 degs. C.	360
Chlorine present as Chloride	19
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	240
Hardness. Total	310
Carbonate	240
Non Carbonate	70
Nitrate Nitrogen	0.0
Nitrite Nitrogen	Absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen +	0.000
Oxygen Absorbed	0.10
Albuminoid Nitrogen +	Absent
Residual Chlorine	Absent
Metals	Absent
+ To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21.	

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Bacteriological Results

Number of Colonies developing on Agar.

1 day at 37 degs. C. 0 per ml.
2 days at 37 degs. C. 0 per ml.
3 days at 20 degs. C. 0 per ml.

	<u>Present in</u>	<u>Absent</u> <u>From</u>	<u>Probable</u> <u>Number</u>
Presumptive Coliform-ferrogens Reaction	Nil ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1.)	Nil ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	Nil ml.	100 ml.	

This is a very satisfactory sample. It is clear and bright in appearance and of the highest standard of bacterial purity, indicative of a wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES, OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

(a) General Statistics

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases.

Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during:
the year 1954.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths registered
Scarlet Fever	46	-	-
Whooping Cough	69	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis:			
Paralytic	2	1	-
Non-Paralytic	1	1	-
Measles	6	-	-
Pneumonia	10	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-
Jaundice	6	-	-

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ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASESNOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

Disease	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and up ward	Total all ages
	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	
Scarlet Fever.	- -	1 1	4 4	14 19	1 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	46
Whooping Cough.	3 3	5 4	9 14	14 13	2 1	- -	- 1	- -	- -	69
Acute Polio- myelitis	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -	2
Paralytic	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1
Non- Paralytic	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	6
Measles.	- -	- -	- -	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	10
Pneumonia	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	2 2	- -	2 3	1
Erysipelas	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	2
Puerperal Pyrexia.	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	- -	- -	6
Jaundice	- -	- -	- -	1 3	- -	- 1	- -	1 -	- -	
Total										143

SCARLET FEVER:

There were 46 cases notified, and none were admitted to hospital.

DIPHTHERIA:

No cases were notified.

MEASLES:

There were 6 cases notified.

WHOOPING COUGH:

69 cases were notified.

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IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The County Council, under the National Health Service Act, 1946, provides this treatment free of charge through the Family Doctor, or at School or a Child Welfare Centre. The figures have been supplied by the Eastern Divisional Medical Officer.

Numbers of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1954.

Primary Immunisations during 1954.

Born	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1945-	1944-	Total
Age at	under					1949	1940	under
31.12.54	1	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10-14	15
	66	71	7	6	6	71	13	240

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases, and the number of deaths in their age groups.

Age Distribution of Cases and Deaths

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	3	2	-	-	-	1	-
25 - 34	5	2	-	1	-	2	-	-
35 - 44	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	18	11	3	2	2	3	1	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis)
Regulations, 1925.

No action was taken under these regulations.

C.A. HARVEY,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

"The Lanes,"
The Baulk,
Biggleswade.

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REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1954.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my twelfth Annual Report upon the work carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors.

I am again pleased to report progress in the work of the department. Much has been achieved with the minimum use of Statutory Authority.

Mr. J.E. Criddle resigned his appointment with the Council in November, to take up an appointment with the Pembroke Rural District Council. Mr. K.D. Ballard was appointed to fill the vacancy so caused and took up his appointment in December.

In order to cope with the increasing amount of work in the department, it was decided to appoint an additional Inspector, who, it is hoped, will take up his appointment in January, 1955.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS:

Drillinghouses inspected under the	
Public Health or Housing Acts	747
Re-inspections and visits to works in progress ..	251
Visits to new buildings in course of erection ..	325
Visits to Dairies and Milk Distributors	20
Visits and inspections of food premises	71
Visits re infectious disease	9
Number of rooms fumigated after infectious	
disease	7
Miscellaneous visits (including refuse	
collection and rodent control)	1,756

NOTICES SERVED:

61 Intimation Notices or letters in respect of 84 properties were sent and 2 Statutory Notices served.

HOUSING:

The general post-war policy of Local Authorities has been concerned in the main with the provision of new dwellings. The introduction of the Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954; however, has now laid the emphasis on the clearance and replacement of slum houses and the encouragement of improvements and conversions.

A survey of all this type of property is already in progress and it is hoped that the Council will be in a position to present their Slum Clearance programme to the Ministry, well within the prescribed period.

During the year, 28 applications for Improvement Grants were received and approved. The total approved estimates amount to £10,930. and the amount of grant involved was £5,465. - 50% in each case.

NUISANCES:

All complaints of nuisances received during the year have been investigated and dealt with satisfactorily.

The following works were carried out during the year:-

Sanitary improvements (including drainage work)	69
Nuisances abated	41

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:

No cases of infestation were reported during the year.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES:

From the time when The Interdepartmental Committee on Slaughterhouses issued its interim report, a considerable amount of time was spent upon the organisation of adequate slaughtering accommodation and the organisation of the duties of meat inspection. Joint meetings with the adjoining authorities and trade representatives were held and a minimum standard of fitness for slaughterhouses, agreed. At the time the Ministry assumed control of the trade, there were 23 slaughterhouses operating in the district. 17 applications for licences in respect of slaughterhouses were received, 10 of which were granted after being brought up to the agreed standard.

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The amount of work involved in inspecting the meat has increased very considerably. At one slaughterhouse alone, the number of animals slaughtered is so great that one Inspector is engaged whole-time on Meat Inspection duties. Even so, long hours of overtime are necessary and from July to the end of the year, no less than 340 hours overtime were worked.

Details of animals slaughtered, carcasses inspected and condemned, are given in the following table:-

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number slaughtered	3,831	420	1,247	5,763	7,841
Number inspected	3,831	420	1,247	5,763	7,841
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	2	8	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	718	120	3	195	266
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	18.76	28.50	0.40	3.52	3.43
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	5	2	3	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	393	109	4	-	190
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	10.38	26.42	0.56	-	2.43

Included in the above figures are:-

1. 2 cases of tubercular udders.

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2. 35 cases of *Cysticercus Bovis*, which is the intermediate or cystic stage of *Taenia Saginata*, a tapeworm of man.

The following weight of meat found to be unfit for human food, was as follows:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Beef	4	14	0	7
Beef Offal	13	16	1	14
Mutton		4	1	10
Mutton Offal		4	0	6
Pork	1	9	1	12
Pork Offal		11	3	2
Veal		3	1	22
Veal Offal		1	0	11
Total	21	4	2	0

MILK:

Effective liaison has been maintained with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and the County Public Health Staff. 25 samples were submitted for examination, 2 of which failed.

ICE CREAM:

Only 8 premises are registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream, whilst 54 are registered for the sale of ice cream.

All premises have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

OTHER FOODS:

Regular visits have been paid to other food shops and as a result, the following food has been found unfit for human consumption:-

293 tins various foodstuffs.
172 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Fish.
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Bacon.
2 jars Fish Paste.
1 bottle Tomato Ketchup.
1 jar Gravy Browning.
4 jars Sandwich Spread.
2 bottles Pickles.

REFUSE COLLECTION & NIGHT SOIL REMOVAL:

All household refuse is removed from 15 parishes once per fortnight. In the remaining 10 outlying parishes, incombustible refuse only, is removed fortnightly. It is hoped to extend the complete removal service to these parishes in the near future.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at Stanford and Everton.

A night soil removal service is operated in all parishes except Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold, which are sewered, and two small hamlets. Cesspools throughout the district are emptied, free of cost, once per year, on request, and more frequently, if required, upon payment.

All these services have operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

RODENT CONTROL:

The following table shows the treatments carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator during the year:-

houses	177
Business premises	1
Schools	4
Golf Clubs	1
Sewage Disposal Works	12
Playing Fields	1
Refuse Tips	8
Agricultural land	10
Ditches	4

In addition to the above, test baiting of the Council's sewers was undertaken at Arlesey, Potton and Stotfold. Evidence of infestation was found at Potton and the necessary treatment undertaken.

SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE:

The sewage Disposal Works at Arlesey, Stotfold and Potton have again been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The consumption of electricity at Arlesey and Stotfold Works has been as follows:-

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Parish	Main Station	Average per day	Sub-station	Average per day
Arlesey	12,457 units	34.12 units	13,060 units	36.70 units
Stotfold	15,608 units	42.76 units	7,556 units	20.70 units

The engines at Pottton have worked $3,353\frac{1}{2}$ hours - an average of 9 hours 11 minutes per day.

DITCHES:

During the year, 498 chains of ditches have been cleansed at a total cost of £473.

RAINFALL:

The following table shows the rainfall recorded at the Sewage Disposal Works:-

ARLESEY		STOTFOLD		POTTON	
Month	Rainfall Days	Rainfall	Days	Rainfall	Days
January	0.62" 7	0.66"	7	0.72"	11
February	1.88" 14	1.63"	14	1.71"	17
March	2.05" 13	1.53"	12	2.12"	14
April	0.28" 6	0.23"	7	0.21"	5
May	2.58" 16	2.32"	16	3.05"	17
June	2.39" 13	2.15"	13	0.72"	4
July	2.82" 18	2.69"	18	2.81"	23
August	4.44" 18	4.11"	20	4.01"	23
September	1.43" 18	1.40"	18	1.75"	20
October	1.61" 14	1.52"	14	1.71"	18
November	3.85" 20	3.07"	20	3.45"	22
December	1.72" 10	1.29"	10	1.92"	19
25.11" 167		22.60"	159	24.17"	193

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections :-

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	36	63	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	83	97	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	119	160	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found -

	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspec -tor.	By H.M. Inspec -tor.	
Want of cleanliness	Nil		-	-	-
Overcrowding	Nil				
Unreasonable temperature	Nil				
Inadequate ventilation	Nil				
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-		-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-		-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-		-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-		-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	1	-

OUTWORK

Section 110				
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec.110(1)c.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.
Glove making	4	-	-	-

Horizon served Section 111. Prosecutions

NEW BUILDINGS:

During the year, 239 plans were submitted and approved under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and the Council's building byelaws.

14 other plans were submitted but not approved.

LICENCES TO DEAL IN GAME:

Visits and inspections	3.
Number of licences granted	3.

PETROLEUM ACTS:

Number of licences granted	90.
Amount of fees received.	£55. 15. 0.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Council, the Clerk and Medical Officer of Health for their consideration and support, and also to the staff of the Public Health Department for their loyal co-operation.

Your obedient Servant,

H.W. PRIDMORE,

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

